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# MEMBERS APPROVE 1-S, RWDSU MERGER



Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky together with CIO Executive Vice President John Riffe (Center) and RWDSU President Max Greenberg enjoy prospect of department store unity.

## Local 1-S Leader Named RWDSU's Executive Vice President in Charge of Dept. Stores

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# Worth Talking About



## By President Sam Kovenetsky

WHILE WE IN NO WAY feel called upon to "justify" the fact that we are demanding a ten cent an hour general wage increase in our overall rates of pay, I do think that it would be well if both our friends and our enemies understood—at least in part—some of the thinking which lies behind our action.

Macy's, in the course of our fruitless talks with them, told us that the cost of living had not risen materially—and then wanted to know why, in light of that, we were demanding a raise.

Very obviously, the company would like to have us accept living costs as the only index of whether or not we are entitled to higher rates of pay. And, incidentally, it is worth noting that in the not distant past—when living costs were climbing rapidly—we still had to battle, arbitrate and strike to squeeze anything out of them!

Naturally, during a period of rising prices one of our major concerns is to at least keep pace with the cost of living. But that by no means should be taken to mean that when prices level off we have all that we need to maintain a decent and healthful living standard.

OUR UNION NEGOTIATED ITS FIRST contract with Macy's in the Spring of 1939. We started off with wages as low as \$12, 13 and \$14 a week. From that sub-standard base we negotiated annual wage increases. But during that very same period of time the cost of living rose steadily—even during the price controlled war years.

When price controls were killed by a Republican Congress in 1946 the lid was ripped off and the cost of living rose by leaps and bounds!

It is true that the substantial raises we won during that period nearly kept pace with the percentage increases in the prices of food, clothing and shelter. But we were still behind the eight ball because of the low base we started from back in 1939!

And so, we see in this year's negotiations (with prices steady) the first chance in 16 years to actually improve our standard of living.

WE START FROM THE VIEWPOINT that it is every worker's right—and every union's responsibility—to work for the improvement of our way of life.

Macy's starts from the viewpoint that they are obligated to pay only enough for you to keep body and soul together.

Other Unions, notably the United Auto Workers, have an annual improvement factor written into their contract. The improvement factor gives a worker a wage increase based on the simple fact that he has been on the job for another year. That raise is separate and apart from raises the workers get for increased productivity and as a result of negotiated general wage increases.

In other words, the auto industry—and others—rewards a worker for service and productivity in addition to whatever other raises the union might win!

We fought hard for our automatic progression raises, and we are proud to have those minimum guarantees in our contract. BUT, once a worker reaches the final step with its guaranteed minimum, Macy's regards it as the maximum rate for his job and acts as though they have no further obligation to reward his service and skill unless a promotional opening comes along for which the worker has both the seniority and the experience. And even then it's a toss up as to whether Macy's will nominate him for the promotion or whether the Union is going to have to step in and fight for it!

We say that the general wage increase we are demanding will go towards improving our living standards. We say that every worker is entitled to live like a human being. And we say that Macy's can well afford to meet our demand out of the profits the 8000 men and women in the store have produced!

AND LET US NOT LOSE SIGHT of the fact that every worker in the store is now more productive than ever before. In a wide variety of ways, Macy's has piled one additional duty on top of another to the point where in some cases one worker is doing the work previously done by two.

We expect to submit to an arbitrator factual proof that will show that every Macy worker is handling more sales, more clerical and more non-selling transactions than ever before. It is common knowledge that the company's sales volume and dollar volume is enormous. And nobody can deny that that enormous volume is the product of your daily labor!

And so—for all who are interested—it is easy to see that our demand is a just one. We are fighting to improve our living standards and we are fighting to be fairly paid for the work we do!

# New Board Acts on Several Reports; Appoints Its Standing Committees

The Local 1-S Executive Board held its first meeting since the completion of divisional elections on March 29th. The Board heard and acted on reports covering negotiations, political action and the findings of the Trial Committee; approved a motion creating a new meeting schedule for HNP Porters of Herald Square and the Branch Stores; and approved the membership of its new standing committees.

## Negotiations

President Sam Kovenetsky advised the Board that the Union had already written to the American Arbitration Association requesting that they submit, both to Local 1-S and to Macy's, the names of arbitrators who might be mutually acceptable.

"If we and the company are unable to agree on an arbitrator within a reasonable period of time," the President told the Board, "the American Arbitration Association will be asked to exercise its right to name a person."

"We hope, however, that the process won't be that long and involved."

Pointing to the fact that it is customary for wage settlements in manufacturing industries to run slightly ahead of those in retail, President Kovenetsky declared that, "This is true only because a much smaller percentage of our industry is organized, as compared with almost total organization in light and heavy manufacturing."

"Based on the membership's decision regarding the merger, we hope to start an organizing movement in our industry that will change the picture. For the good of all, that is our hope and our goal!"

## Political Action

PAC Chairman Charles Boyd, reporting on the March 19th city-wide meeting of Shop Stewards in support of the \$1.25 minimum wage (described in the April 1st issue of the Local 1-S NEWS) told the Board that "I wish you could have all been there, because you would have been very proud of the part played by Local 1-S". The political action leader then described the special meeting in Albany called by the State CIO (see story on Page 3).

He urged the Board members to do all they could to mobilize letter writing campaigns to State Senators and Assemblymen in support of: (1) continuation of full rent controls, (2) in support of a declaration to Congress favoring the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage and extension of it to include retail workers, (3) in support of increasing unemployment insurance benefits, and (4) in support of reducing from 20 to 15 the number of weeks per year that a worker must be employed to qualify for unemployment benefits.

It was pointed out that Gov-

ernor Harriman has promised to call a special session of the Legislature if the regular session ends before action is taken on these important measures, and that strong pressure from the voters is needed to force favorable votes.

The PAC Chairman also urged that all members be encouraged to fill the petition on the \$1.25 minimum that was printed in the last issue of the Local 1-S NEWS, so that they might be delivered to our Congressmen in Washington.

## Trial Committee

Ann Arata, reporting for the Trial Committee which met on March 8th, announced that charges which had been brought against 940 Department Shop Steward Estelle Sage had been dropped.

The Committee recommended that future issues of the Local 1-S NEWS not report on charges until a Trial Committee has determined their validity. The Executive Board agreed.

In a separate report for another Trial Committee which had met on March 1st, Jerome Harte advised the Board that the Committee recommended the dropping of charges against Helmi Pietila (Drugs, sub-basement), Marlin Wohl (42 Department Optical) and Louise Jones (Drug Order Filling). The Committee reported that it found insufficient evidence to support any of the charges that had been brought.

## Meeting Change

Calling attention to the hardship imposed on the Porter group's having to attend evening meetings when their scheduled hours of work are from 6AM to 3PM, Board member Raymond Peer made a motion, adopted by a majority vote, that all HNP

Porters of Herald Square and the Branch Stores meet immediately after work on the day of general membership meetings.

## New Committees

At the suggestion of Vice President and Executive Board Chairman Phil Hoffstein the following member's were named to the Standing Committees of the Union:

Activities Committee: Ann Arata (2nd Floor), Ruby Butcher (Controllers), Earl Fulford (6th Floor), Harry Webster (Elevators) plus one representative from each Branch Store.

Anti-Discrimination Committee: Avion De Lagarde (Receiving), Fred Ernst (White Plains), Adam Graham (Ad-Display), Catherine Hallihan (Parkchester), Edward Hansell (Jamaica), Fred Kramer (Flatbush), Christine Murphy (Jamaica), Ann Muller (Street Floor), Frieda Pariser (Flatbush), Helen Ruderman (White Plains), Al Smith (Parkchester) and Sylvia Temple (DA).

Political Action Committee: Charles Boyd (8th Floor), Esther Greenberg (Flying Squad), Neal Kuypers (9th Floor), John Lee (Receiving), Eugene Rawdin (6th Floor) and Augustine Tompkins (Packing).

Editorial Committee: Mary Boyd (4th Floor), Ceil Curry (Flying Squad), Anthony Gentile (Receiving), Adam Graham (Ad-Display), Jerome Harte (5th Floor).

Blood Bank Committee: Marion Cook (8th Floor), Jack Fox (5th Floor), Andrew Felicia (Parkchester), Jerome Harte (5th Floor), Fred Kramer (Flatbush), Anthony LaSalvia (Jamaica) and Helene Roberts (Packing).

# 1-S President Named To Head CIO Cancer Campaign

Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky has been named CIO Division Chairman for the 1955 April Cancer Crusade of the New York City Cancer Committee, according to John Reed Kilpatrick, president of the Committee.

Serving as one of the chairmen of the organized labor section of the drive is Louis Hollander, President of the New York State CIO Council.

Co-Chairman of the labor section is Thomas A. Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, with Martin T. Lacey, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York and Vicinity, serving as AFL division chairman.

In appealing for maximum support for the Cancer Society's annual drive, President Kovenetsky said:

"Our members have in the past given their enthusiastic financial support to the fight against cancer. In so doing, they have helped make available the weapons of research, education and service to cancer sufferers."

"In medical and scientific institutions all over the country the search for the cause and cure of cancer is being pressed as far as funds allow."

"I am confident that, as in the past, the members of our Union will answer the Tag Day call which will come soon by generously volunteering to collect as well as to give."

"Figures show that one in every four people may be expected to be afflicted with cancer. We all have an important stake in financing the fight against it."

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# Members Vote 1-S, RWDSU Merger; Cheer Attack on Macy For Refusing to Negotiate

With near-unanimity the members of Local 1-S who packed Manhattan Center to the rafters at a meeting on April 5th gave their wholehearted approval to the recommendation of their officers, Executive Board and Shop Stewards that their Union join forces with CIO's Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union and press on for the economic and political fruits of unity.

**Close to 4,000 members hung on every word and applauded enthusiastically as Vice President Phil Hoffstein bitterly assailed Macy's for "their arrogant refusal to pay serious attention to the needs of the people" and for their "contemptible refusal to bargain in good faith."**

The Vice President reviewed the weeks that were spent by the Union's officers and negotiators as they presented the membership's demands for such contract improvements as a general wage increase, higher minimums, reduction in hours and higher pension payments.

He concluded by saying, "and through it all, Mr. Fischer just sat and told us that you make enough! But we told Mr. Fischer then—and we tell him now—that while we have no idea what an arbitrator will say and do about our demands, we know full well what we will do when our contract expires next February!

**"We will fight Macy's with every weapon at our command! We will make them pay—and pay—**

**and pay until every man and woman in the store enjoys the pay and the security they deserve!"**

## Merger

The huge gathering gave undivided attention as Vice President Bill Atkinson stepped to the microphone to present the officers' report and recommendations on merging Local 1-S with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union.

"Suppose," he asked, "Local 1-S had stopped after it had organized the non-selling workers? What kind of strength would they have had? And what would have happened to the workers in Selling and in Offices and in the Branch Stores?"

"The whole history of the labor movement in this country is a history of organizing and uniting, because unity is the source of our strength."

Then, pointing out that "Macy's is not merely a shop keeping business, but a marriage of retailing and banking and insurance companies," the Vice President said:

"All through the country today we see banks and auto makers and other big business merging."

"Labor is meeting the challenge of this new era of cartels and corporate mergers. We, as a part of the labor movement must, and have met, this challenge. That is why your officers, your Executive Board and your Shop Stewards have—with almost perfect unanimity expressed themselves and voted overwhelmingly in favor

of our moving forward as a part of the mainstream of labor by affiliating with the Union charged by CIO with the responsibility of organizing and representing the workers in our industry—the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union!"

Vice President Atkinson then posed the questions, "What is this

The following is the full text of CIO President Walter P. Reuther's statement following the Local 1-S, RWDSU merger:

"The officers of CIO are delighted with the decision of Local 1-S to affiliate with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. This move is a strong step toward the eventual organization of the millions of unorganized workers in America's giant distributive industry."

"These white collar workers need, deserve and must have the benefits and protection of enlightened trade unionism. This new strengthening of a great CIO union will help speed that happy day."

"I am pleased that President Sam Kovenetsky of Local 1-S, an experienced and able trade union leader, has been named as a vice president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. He will bring to his new duties, as the union officer in charge of department stores, a wealth of experience and a sincere dedication to the American labor movement."

"On behalf of CIO, I hail this step towards amalgamation of Local 1-S, representing thousands of workers at the Macy's Department Store, with the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. It will be a major benefit to the workers involved."

merger we recommend? What are the terms? What are the safeguards?"

He itemized the agreement, with special emphasis on the right of Local 1-S to continue to negotiate and sign its own contract; the right to keep all physical and financial assets under 1-S control; the right of the Local 1-S membership to make all decisions affecting them and the greater economic and political strength that flows from an organized relationship with 150,000 workers in the same or closely related industries.

The naming of President Sam Kovenetsky to the post of Executive Vice President in charge of the International Union's department store division won special praise.

"Let us not forget," said Vice President Atkinson, "that our Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky was singled out by the late Philip Murray to be Vice President and Director of Organization of the United Department Store Workers. He will be carrying out the same job for Local 1-S, for the RWDSU and for department store workers everywhere. This is an honor, not for Sam alone, but for all of us!"

## Reuther Hails Merger

In a statement released to the press from Washington, D. C. and in a telegram to President Sam Kovenetsky, CIO President Walter P. Reuther hailed the merger of Local 1-S with the RWDSU as "a strong step toward the eventual organization of the millions of America's giant distributive industry."

The CIO President expressed his pleasure that 1-S President Kovenetsky has been named as Executive Vice President in charge of depart-

ment stores and said, "He will bring to his new duties . . . a wealth of experience and a sincere dedication to the American labor movement."

The full text of President Reuther's message is printed on this page.

CIO's respect and admiration for Local 1-S and its officers was also brought to the membership by Regional Director Michael Mann, who told them that, "The character and integrity you have in Local 1-S are an inspiration to the kind of trade unions we will build in the new merger of the CIO and AFL."

"You can make a tremendous contribution by having your leaders speak up, as they have been, in the councils of the labor movement."

The regional leader then told the Local 1-S membership that "President Kovenetsky was the first to initiate the mobilization in New York City which will end up in Washington, D. C. in the fight for the \$1.25 minimum wage."

Brother Mann concluded by urging the membership to "carry on in the future as you have in the past. The labor movement and the entire country are grateful!"

## Sam Kovenetsky

President Kovenetsky, on whom both the members of Local 1-S and the top leaders of CIO have heaped their honors, was the meeting's final speaker.

After thanking the membership for the clarity, wisdom and unanimity with which they had favored the merger with the RWDSU, the President swung into action in the big job of mobilizing the fight for the \$1.25 minimum wage and the inclusion of the retail industry.

"April 19th," he declared, "must mark a decisive stage in our battle. The halls of Congress must ring with our cry for the protection of a decent minimum wage extended to all those not now included."

"Give your Shop Stewards and Executive Board members your fullest cooperation. Raise the money and elect the delegates who will speak for you in Washington!"

"Get your petitions signed and turn them in to the Union. Pressure is the language that Congress understands—and we must make ourselves very clear!"

## Blood Bank

With the annual Blood Bank drive just a little more than a month away, President Kovenetsky made a moving appeal for all members to sign pledge sheets. He told of the daily appeals for aid from the Bank and said, "Your contributions save lives — and while we hope and pray not—the life you save may be your own, or that of a loved one. For your own sake," the President pleaded, "sign up as a volunteer. It's an act you will never regret!"



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## CIO LEADERS, GOV. HARRIMAN URGE VOTERS TO PRESSURE FOR LABOR'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

In a last ditch effort to mobilize rank and file support for key phases of its legislative program at this or a possible Special Session of the State Legislature, the New York State CIO Council hastily called a meeting of Union representatives in Albany at the end of March.

More than 250 CIO'ers, including Local 1-S PAC Chairman Charles Boyd, 1-S NEWS Editor Dick Pastor and Administrator Tom Raffaele, were on hand to hear appeals by Governor Harriman, Assembly Minority Leader Eugene Bannigan, and Attorney General Jacob Javits for an outpouring of grassroots expression on such issues as rent control, the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage and improved unemployment insurance.

In his opening remarks, State CIO President Louis Hollander declared that, "CIO is not in the vest pocket of any political party. That's why we've invited leaders of both parties to discuss legislation with us."

Then, turning to Governor Harriman, Mr. Hollander told him that, "You demand action and you'll have the people with you!"

## Governor Speaks

Stating his pride in the fact that CIO has endorsed the program he recommended to the Legislature, Governor Harriman declared that, "the Republican politicians don't reflect the sentiments of the people" and urged that CIO rally the people to "put the heat on the Legislature."

The Governor said that changes for the better that have been won in some instances "reflect the pressure from back home."



Governor Harriman

He went on to state that, "I can't believe that anyone who thinks of the welfare of the people would be against the \$1.25 an hour minimum. Those people who are unwilling to memorialize Congress must be under the influence of forces that are against the people!"

Speaking of the fight for full rent control, the \$1.25 minimum and increased unemployment benefits, the Governor told the group that they must "bring pressure and make the legislators understand that these issues are vital to the people!"

## Javits Bolts

Attorney General Javits, nominal head of the State's Republican Party, created a sensation as he repudiated the GOP do-nothing line and declared himself in favor of "effective and continuing rent control, \$1.25 an hour minimum wage and increased unemployment insurance benefits and lower earning period to qualify for payment."

Speaking of the demand that

the New York State Legislature call on the U.S. Congress to pass on the \$1.25 minimum, Mr. Javits said, "Memorializing Congress is good, but at least as important is a concerted drive by the Governor, by you and by me to reach our New York Congressional delegation" with this important demand.

City CIO Secretary Morris Iushewitz underscored the need for full participation in the communities if the fight for decent laws is to be won. He told the delegates that what the Legislators need is constant pressure from their constituencies and that "we need to hold a big shotgun to their heads with both barrels loaded" if we are to get the things we need.

## Resolution

Other speakers at the gathering included State Industrial Commissioner Dr. Isadore Lubin, Assembly Minority Leader Eugene Bannigan, Transport Workers Union Secretary Gustave Faber, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Vice President Julius Sum and Textile Union representative Jack Rubenstein.

A resolution, which was introduced by State CIO Secretary and Legislative Representative Harold Garno and which was adopted by unanimous vote, concluded by urging Governor Harriman that, "If the legislature should adjourn before taking action on the labor issues) we call on the governor to immediately summon it back in special session and to keep it in special session until the legislature has properly discharged its responsibilities to the people of the state."



## BLOOD BANK NEEDS 3000 PLEDGES TO MAINTAIN PRESENT COVERAGE

"Thousands of new pledges will be needed if the Blood Bank is to be able to continue its present extended coverage", the top officers of Local 1-S announced after a hard look at the facts and figures.

President Sam Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson, all three of whom are vitally concerned with the continued well-being of the Blood Bank, concluded that a minimum of 1000 pledge sheet signatures over and above the 2000 who signed up a year ago will be needed this year.

They observed that the Blood Bank, which originally covered the husbands or wives and children under 18 years of age of Union members and exempt personnel, had expanded to the point where it is now available, without cost, to parents as well.

The Union's officers said, "It will be the duty of the joint Local 1-S, Macy's Blood Bank Committee to make the final decision on who will be eligible for cover-

age by our Bank. That decision, to be made after the coming drive, will be based on one main consideration—namely, the total number of pledges that are made and the total number of pints of blood that are collected.

"We are making this appeal in the hope that it will bring out an even greater than usual response and simplify the Blood Bank Committee's job by guaranteeing that there will be enough blood for all who may need it."

Those who sign pledge sheets when they come around will be given time off from work to report to the temporary Blood Bank center which will be set up in Herald Square and each of the Branch Stores during the third week in May.

Only after highly skilled Red Cross physicians and nurses have certified that a person is physically fit to give blood will a volunteer be allowed to become a donor.

**Make a pledge—Giving is painless—the life you save may be your own!**



Pledge Sheet signers wait for physical exam before they are allowed to give blood. Minimum of 3000 pledges are needed to maintain Bank.

## Local 1-S Starts Vacation Service On April 20th

For the benefit of members who wish to take advantage of discounts ranging as high as 25 percent, Local 1-S is inaugurating new Vacation Service at the Union office.

The lower prices will be available for leading resorts in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New England and Canada.

Complete vacation planning, including travel reservations will be a feature of the new Local 1-S service.

The Vacation Specialist will be at the Union office every Wednesday from 5 PM to 7 PM starting on April 20th.

He will be on hand to cheerfully answer any and all questions that will aid in making vacations more economical and pleasant than ever.

This is another in Local 1-S list of free services to its members. Use it and have fun!

## TO THE EDITOR

### TEN PINTS

We wish to thank all you good people for the wonderful parts you played in our life during our son's serious illness recently.

He required ten pints of blood, and just being able to call you and know that you would do everything possible to help was a wonderful thing and made the long seige easier to bear.

He was in the hospital for three months—has recovered and is back in school now.

Many thanks again and every wish for every success to Local 1-S and its wonderful Health Plan.

Mary and Michael Hudak

### INSPIRATION

I am now convalescing and hope to regain some of my health.

However, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Welfare Board for their good wishes—and to Local 1-S and its Health Plan. I am indeed grateful.

Believe me, the Health Plan has been an inspiration and a medication to me—and I am sure to many others in Local 1-S.

With fondest regards and my humble thanks and gratitude.

Sincerely yours,  
Milton Karniol, 5 Dept.

### BLOOD TRANSFER

My mother joins me in thanking you for the expedient manner in which you had the blood transfer arranged.

Thanking you again, I am,  
Very cordially yours,  
Henrietta Greenberger, 233 Dept.

### THANK YOU

Both my wife, Ethel C. Whitehead, Adjustment Department—Herald Square—and myself wish to thank you for the prompt replacement of blood used at the time of her recent accident and also for your cooperation and help over the telephone.

We would also like to thank her many friends in the store who have remembered her with cards and gifts.

Yours truly,  
Daniel J. Whitehead

### RARE BLOOD

May I express my thanks to Local 1-S and the Welfare Board for their quick response to my urgent call for blood for my father who was dangerously ill and in need of rare blood.

Within an hour of my call a representative of the Union was in the store to contact me. For such response I cannot thank you enough.

May I also thank Mr. Telzer and Mrs. Mahoney, our assistant Shop Steward for their part in helping me and all my co-workers for their kind thoughts.

My family and I thank you all.  
Sincerely yours,  
Mary Turechy, 161 Dept.

### BLOOD

Words fail me when I want them most to count. My heartfelt thanks to you and all concerned for your contribution of blood when my mother was hospitalized. As is known, she has since died, but the kindnesses extended are long remembered.

Many, many thanks, too, from the rest of the family. They greatly appreciate what you people have done for us.

Respectfully,  
Isabel Luizzo, SF

### HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

### PROMPT SERVICE

I would like to express my thanks to our Union and our wonderful Health Plan for its aid during my illness and while I was in the hospital and for the lovely cards and flowers and for the prompt service of blood to the hospital for me.

Many thanks and may the good work go on.

Very sincerely yours,  
Ora Campbell, 21 Dept.

### BLOOD BANK DRIVE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of Local 1-S for their help and thoughtfulness at a time when it was needed most.

To the Blood Bank for releasing blood for my mother during her illness and to President Sam Kovenetsky, Cathryn Hall and the Welfare Board for their interest when my mother passed away.

Also a big thank you to my Shop Steward and friends on the 7th and 8th Floors.

Although I contribute each year to the Blood Bank I never thought my family would need it. Thank goodness the blood was there!

The Blood Bank drive will begin in a few weeks. So please, all of you, sign the pledge sheet. Take the word of a grateful worker that donating a pint of blood is a very sound investment.

Sincerely,  
Clara Rencricca, MCU

### X-RAYS

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the prompt attention I received regarding X-Rays which my doctor had ordered.

The Health Plan Consultant was more than helpful in explaining the details of the plan and promptly sent me an application form.

The doctor told me he had received full payment, and I was sent a copy of his check from Group Health Insurance.

Local 1-S is to be congratulated for securing such a wonderful service. Please accept my appreciation.

Sincerely yours,  
Eugenie Maertz, 92 Dept.

## Steward Meeting Calendar

PAC	1st Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
PAC	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 PM
2, 3 and 4th Floors	Wed., May 11th	7:00 PM
Receiving, Packing, Food, Supply, MTE, Alterations, Repair, Housekeeping	Tues., April 19	7:00 PM

## PERSONALS

**WANTED**—2½ or 3 room unfurnished apartment in Manhattan. Moderate rent. Phone EN 2-2314 after 7PM.

**FOR SALE**—Patio furniture—3 chairs, settee and sun umbrella. Reasonably priced. Phone CL 9-6504.

**FOR SALE**—Brand new size 16 Persian mink trimmed coat, latest style. Very reasonable. Phone LU 8-1262 or SP 7-3673 evenings.

**FOR SALE**—4 grave plot, Rosemont Memorial Park, Newark, N. J. Choice section, very reasonable. Phone AP 7-6131.

**FOR SALE**—Refrigerator, 9 cu. ft. excellent condition. Very reasonable. Phone ES 6-8747 at any time.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom and freedom of lovely 4 room apartment in central Bronx. Near IND 167 St. Station. Reasonable. Phone LU 8-1262 or SP 7-3673 evenings.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

**MEDICAL PLAN**—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

**BLOOD BANK**—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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